

### **IN THE DRAWINGS**

The attached drawing sheet includes changes to Fig. 3. This sheet replaces the original sheet including Fig.3.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet

## **REMARKS**

Claims 9-14 are now pending in the application. Claims 9 has been amended. Support for the foregoing amendments may be found throughout the written description, drawings and claims, as originally filed.

Applicant has thoroughly reviewed the outstanding Office Action including the Examiner's remarks and the references cited therein. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejections in view of the amendments and remarks contained herein.

## **DRAWINGS**

The drawings stand objected to by the Examiner for certain informalities. The drawings are objected to because of not including the reference sign mentioned in the description "pixel pitch 40" (paragraph 22, line5).

Figure 3 has been amended to add the reference sign "40". Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw the objection to the drawings.

## **REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102**

Claims 1~14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Nunomura et al. (US 6,348,762).

"A claim is anticipated only if each and every element as set forth in the claim is found, either expressly or inherently described, in a single prior art reference." *Verdegaal Bros. v. Union Oil Co. of California*, 814 F.2d 628, 631, 2 USPQ2d 1051, 1053 (Fed. Cir. 1987). "The identical invention must be shown in

as complete detail as is contained in the ... claim.” Richardson v. Suzuki Motor Co., 868 F.2d 1226, 1236, 9 USPQ2d 1913, 1920 (Fed. Cir. 1989). (MPEP 2131)

In the amended claimed invention, the transparent electrode includes one body 31 and two connecting parts 35 and 36 as shown in the figure 3. The body 31 and two connecting parts 35 and 36 have an arched shape to result in the body protruding into a discharging center in a luminant unit. A hollow region exists between the transparent electrode and the comb electrode. According to the amended claimed invention, by forming an arched shape, the body is closer to the discharging center so that the transparent electrode size can be reduced to reduce the power consumption.

In contrast to the foregoing amended claimed invention, in the cited reference of Nunomura, the transparent electrode 3 is connected to the bus electrode 4 in figure 11. A gap 17 exists between the transparent electrode 3 and the bus electrode 4. The transparent electrode 3 does not have an arched shape. Therefore, a larger transparent electrode is needed. The invention defined by the amended claim 9 is different from the teachings in the prior art.

Accordingly, applicant respectfully submits that independent claims 9 as amended is allowable over the art of record and respectfully requests the 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) rejection of claim 9 to be reconsidered and withdrawn. In addition, insofar claims 10~14, which ultimately depend from claims 1 and 8, and add further limitations thereto, the 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) rejection of these claims should be withdrawn as well.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

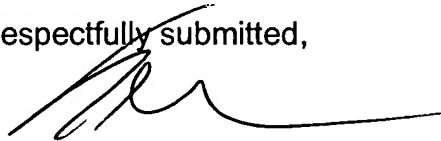
## **CONCLUSION**

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner desires personal contact for further disposition of this case, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned Attorney at 603.668.6560.

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